

ABSTRACT

A distributed client/server computer network wherein the identity of at least one complex image, selected from a plurality of complex images stored by a client, is transmitted  
5 to a remote server. The remote server then determines, from the identity of the or each image selected, whether the client is authorised to gain access, via the server, to a particular network resource. The network is thus efficient, as the complex images themselves do not need to be transmitted from the client  
10 to the server, and secure, as no authorisation information is stored by the client.

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